



Thongsbridge CC
Newsletter
May 2016



Welcome back

It is great to see everyone back at summer training, although the weather has provided us with a last blast of Winter, with frost, hail, ice and snow showers to make the start of our season interesting!

We would very much like to welcome our new members and we hope that they are enjoying being part of our club. Please don't hesitate to contact any members of the committee if you would like more information, or help with anything at all.

Our Overseas Player/Coach Brandon

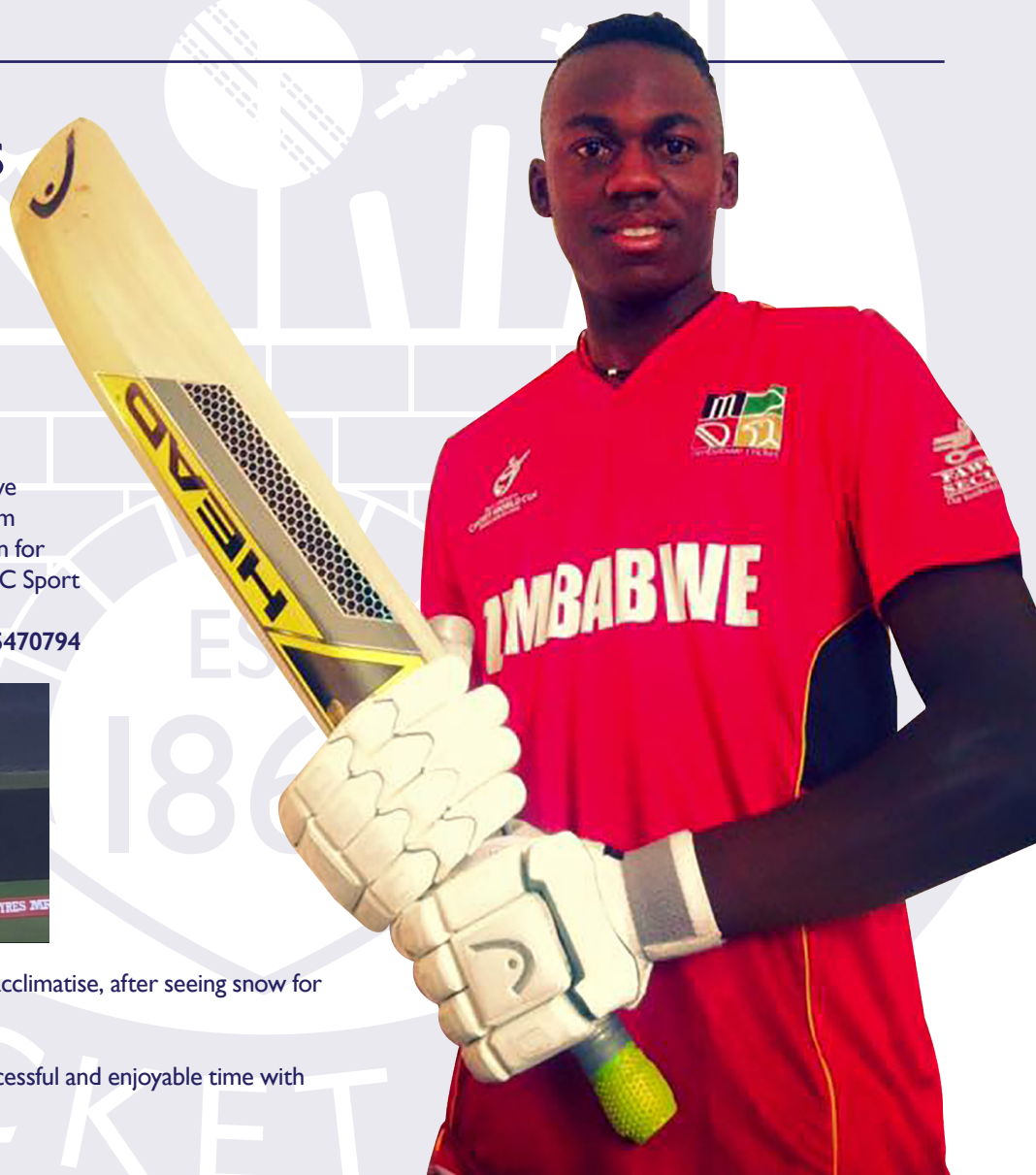
We would also like to welcome Brandon Mavuta who has joined us from Zimbabwe this season. Many of you will have met him already, but you can also see him in action for the U19 National Zimbabwe team on BBC Sport

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/cricket/35470794>



He has settled in well, and is starting to acclimatise, after seeing snow for the first time since his arrival in the UK.

We wish him well and hope he has a successful and enjoyable time with us this season.





Junior Cricket

The first outdoor session of the season was rained off. However the U13s and U11s are now able to train on Friday nights, whatever the weather, as we are able to use the Indoor facilities in the mill complex next door (TICS), so that parents can still enjoy Friday nights at the club.

If it is raining on Friday night, all the older juniors should meet at the club and join the 'walking bus' to training. Unfortunately, there isn't room for the U9s to train indoors, but they are most welcome to join us at the club for our regular BBQs. Hinchliffe's burgers, kebabs and sausages, as well as fresh fish kebabs from Holmfirth Fresh Fish, will be available each week.

Good luck to all junior players. We hope you enjoy your season at Thongsbridge CC.

Girls' Cricket

For the first time ever, Thongsbridge girls will be taking part in a league. We have joined the newly formed Halifax and Huddersfield Girls' League and we are looking forward to being involved in that from the start. We have also entered the Lady Taverners' competition and hope to play a number of friendly games as well this season. A number of our girls play in our mixed junior teams and there are opportunities at the club for girls to be part of our senior squad.

There will be a special training event organised by the League, for all girls on the 31st May. Lauren Winfield (Yorkshire and England Women), will be leading this event, at a venue to be decided. Watch out for more information soon.

County Disability Match

Last year, we hosted an excellent County disability game and we are delighted that the Yorkshire Disability team will be playing at our ground once again this year against Shropshire, on Sunday 10th July. There will be more details later, but we are sure that our Yorkshire team would really appreciate as much support as possible.

Representative Honours

West Yorkshire Girls' trials were held in April and we would like to congratulate three of our girls, who have been selected for squads this year.

Emily Roberts and Chloe Edwards have done themselves and Thongsbridge proud and have been selected for the U9 and U11 West Yorkshire squads respectively, which is a fantastic achievement.

Georgia Draper has been selected for the West Yorkshire U13 team and has also been selected to represent Yorkshire U13 Girls again this year after an excellent season and maiden century for the team in 2015.

Amy Cullen, Alicia Kaye and Isabelle Roberts narrowly missed out against strong competition, but they are continuing to improve and will be pushing for squad places in the future, along with a number of our other girls.

We are very pleased to be hosting a Yorkshire U13 Girls match on Sunday, 31st of July at our ground this year. More details will follow later in the season.

Well done to Emily, Chloe and Georgia and good luck to all our girls this season.





Senior Squad

We are delighted to have two strong squads this year at senior level, with players competing for team places. Sam Ambler is this year's 2nd Team Captain and Richard Wagstaff is our new 1st team captain.

We wish both teams well in their respective bids to gain promotion this year. Keep an eye on our fixture information and come down to support our teams, enjoy a cricket tea and relax in the glorious Thongsbridge sunshine!



We are delighted to announce a partnership to develop the cricket and coaching strategy for TCC in 2016 and the following years. TCC and TCA are working together to develop plans for the following:

- A continuous development path from junior to senior cricket – for life
- High level coaching for both senior and junior players
- Use of the Cricket Asylum indoor facility and PitchVision Technology
- Academy and Development teams in 2017
- Individual player development programmes
- Game strategy and mental approach to your play
- Summer Cricket camps – early June and late July

This is a very exciting venture for all our members, young and old with the first activities already taking place.

All our juniors will visit the Asylum facility in the summer and the Cricket Asylum team will be taking a special Friday night session at the ground, so please keep watching the TCC web site for further news!

For more information about The Cricket Asylum, visit www.thecricketasylum.co.uk





Exciting New Development Plans

Hopefully, you have all seen the plans for our new clubhouse development. This will be one of the final pieces of the club's overall development plan which was proposed as a vision for the club several years ago.

Planning applications have now been submitted and we should have a decision by the end of June. The hope is to start construction in September and have the project completed for the start of the 2017 season in April next year. Very exciting. Finally we will have indoor toilets!

To achieve this ambitious project we need the support of all club members, families and friends – a real team effort is required. The total project could have a total cost in

excess of £150,000, which at this moment in time will require funding in full by the Cricket Club.

Your support with sponsorship, 200 club and other social events is critical to the raising of funds and reach our target if we wish to enjoy this new facility.

This will provide a wonderful all year round facility for all members and the local community to enjoy for many years

to come. With the other investments which have already been made it will leave a wonderful sporting facility for the next generations.

Please do everything you can to make this happen – it cannot be achieved without your help.





Sponsorship

Andrea Joubert has been working to secure sponsorship for the club this season. We have so many exciting developments over the next few years, and the social events are having an impact on the amount of people we have at the club. There really has never been a better time to be in partnership with us.

Your brand will be promoted and visible on sponsorship boards in our clubhouse, on our TVs through digital media, not to mention displayed on a range of signage options around the ground – due to the above development our membership, both paying and recreational, is at an all-time high, and footfall to the ground is high almost 7 days per week between April and October. You will have access to fantastic PR

opportunities and further/wider brand visibility - We are working in partnership with Yorkshire County Cricket Club to host several disabled cricket matches and their Girls side this year, not to mention the increase in Huddersfield based representative matches we host

We are active on social media with more than 2,400 followers on Twitter – we'll re-

tweet your tweets, tweet on your behalf and ask our associates to follow suit

We have facilities (already used by M&S and Sainsbury's) suitable for functions, corporate events or team building activities

If you would like to discuss options for partnership or have any questions please call or email Laura on 07725012971 or laura@stellarmissions.com

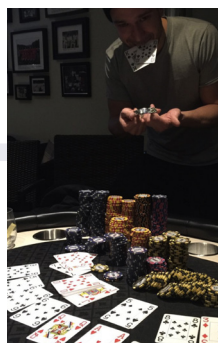
We have some incredibly exciting developments and should soon be welcoming some familiar and new faces to the Thongsbridge sponsorship family...





Social Events

We have an exciting programme of social events this year, kindly organised by Lauren Spencer and Lauren Wilkinson. We are very grateful for their help with this and we are looking forward to some fun events for everyone. Keep an eye on the website, Facebook and Twitter for more information and join in the fun! These are great occasions for the senior and junior sections to get to know each other.



Raymond Smith 1924 - 2015

Sadly, our club President, Raymond Smith passed away at the end of last year. Raymond supported the club for many years and was very proud to have secured the purchase of the ground we play on, from the brewery, Bass Charrington for £350 in the 1960s.

Ground and changing room developments

History has been made at Thongsbridge with the purchase of a new sight screen. To non-cricketers this won't seem big news but to cricketers from our side and the opposition it makes a huge difference and adds to our reputation of having the best facilities in the valley.

To continue our changing room development we've added pictures of all our teams on the walls as well as a montage of 150 years of history on the stairway walls. This has really brought the changing facilities to life and we encourage all members to have a look inside.

